Production. essential drugs

$67. SHRI RAINI RANIAK SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question No. 615 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state;

{a) the specific measures proposed *to* be taken by Government to discourage the production of non-essetntjar' and use less mediines;

b) whether *tie* Ministry has proposed lower mark up on non-essential medi cines;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether also. fact that not obligatory provision has been proposed under Hew drug policy to produce essential medicines;

. (e) 'Whether it is also a fact that such a provision was available under Drug policy 1978;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether it is also a fact that pto-duction of non-essential medicines which fall under exempted category went up by four times within five years whereas production of essential medicines fell half;

{b) if so, what was the! sale turn over. of essendal medicines failing under categories and II as non essential medicines or exempted and others in 1980 and 1986; and

(i) what was the percentage increase or decrease in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI ft. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH); (a) t_0 (f) The new measures announced recently aim at encouraging the production of essential drug$_s$ and are based on the experience gained m the implementation of the 1978 drug policy. There was no, obligatory-provision to produce essential drug$_s$ in the 1978 policy-'aor is it imposed now. However, production of essential drugs has'Jbeei encouraged.

(g) to (•) no such study has been mad e by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

Price decontrolled medicines

968. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 620 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state;

(a.) whether it & a fact that apart lfrom exorbitent price increase of ' price decontrol medicines the production of these. medicines have also gone up dis proportionately; \if so, what was the total $_s$aJw turnover of formulations in 1980 and 1986;

(b) what was the sale$_s$ turnover of price controlled formulations as wel] as of price, decontrolled ones separately during 1980 and 1986; '

(c) what w&s the percentage increase Or decrease ia production in each case;

(d) whether it is also a fact that his ministry is proposing to expand the price decontrol basket;

(e) whether jt is als$_0$ a (fact that nis Ministry has abolished Drugs Equalisation Fund Account, overall profitability. Control On Drug Industry as well as obligatory provision of production of 20 per cent of sales turnover of essential me-
. dicinea; and

(g) if so, how under these circumstan ces, the national objective $_0$f abundant availability of medicines at reasonable prices will be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINIS TRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. IAI-CHANDRA SINGH); (a) to (d) PK duction of formulatiOns is not monitored. Required details are, therefore, not avail able.

(e) to (g) Measure annoudfced by theGovernment aim at stimulating produc- tion of drugs and formulations wfeich are